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SUBJECT: FAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM

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1. THE ONLY FAO PROGRAM IN NICARAGUA UTILIZING TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM (TCP) FUNDS THUS FAR HAS BEEN THE TEMPORARY PROVISION OF AN FAO EXPERT ON COFFEE RUST ERADICATION. FOLLOWING THE LATE 1976 OUTBREAK OF THIS THREAT TO IMPORTANT EXPORT CROP, THE NICARAGUAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE URGENTLY SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF FOREIGN EXPOERTS IN COMBATING IT. THE MINISTRY HAD HEARD OF THE WORK OF DR. DOROTHY SHAW, AN FAO EXPERT WHO HAD LED A SUCCESSFUL COFFEE RUST ERADICATION PROGRAM INPAPAU, NEW GUINEA, AND WANTED HER HELP. THE LOCAL UNDP OFFICE PREPARED THE GON'S REQUEST FOR HER SERVICES.

2. DR. SHAW CAME TO NICARAGUA UNDER THE FAO'S AUSPICES IN JANUARY AND STAYED A SHORT TIME. THE MINISTRY WAS APPRECIATIVE OF HER ADVICE. THE RESIDENT UNDP REPRESENTATIVE, MARIO SALZMANN, WAS ALSO PLEASED WITH HER WORK HERE. LOCAL FAO PERSONNEL, WHO INVOLVED IN OTHER FAO-RELATED PROGRAMS IN NICARAGUA, HAD LITTLE TO DO WITH DR. SHAW'S VISIT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS ONE-TIME, EMERGENCY ADVISORY SERVICE FUNDED THROUGH FAO/TCP, WAS FULLY JUSTIFIED.

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4. LOCAL FAO GROUP IS CURRENTLY PREPARING PROOSAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOR USE OF SOME \$200,000-250,000 IN TCP FUNDS TO FINANCE SHORT-TERM IMPACT, PIG PRODUCTION PROJECT. PROJECT WOULD SET UP A CENTRAL PIG-PRODUCING OPERATION WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BREEDING PIGS TO SMALL GROUPS OF CAMPESINOS OR CAMPESINO COOPERATIVES. (LOCAL FAO GROUP HAD ORIGINALLY, LAST AUTUMN, EN-

VISAGED PROJECT FOR POULTRY PRODUCTION BUT CHANGED FOCUS TO PIGS
AT MINISTRY'S U 43173 5.

5. PROMOTION OF PIG PRODUCTION AMONG CAMPESINOS WOULD FIT IN WITH
USAID MISSION'S EFFORTS TO ASSIST NICARAGUA'S RURAL POOR, AND WITH
MISSION'S INVIERNO PROGRAM.

6. FAO PRESENTLY HAS TEN EXPATRIATES IN NICARAGUA INVOLVED IN THREE
PROJECTS (A) FORESTRY (B) PEST CONTROL AND (C) BASIC GRAINS. THERE
IS NO FAO REPRESENTATIVE, PER SE. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE ACTS AS
ADMINISTRATIVE POINT OF CONTACT FOR FAO OPERATIONS.
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